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Dear Supreme Court Justices of Montana:

We are two women, ages 73 and 81 years, who have been a committed couple since we moved to Montana in 1983. Mary Anne is a physician, now retired, and Jan is a registered nurse. We shared a pediatric specialty practice for a dozen years. We have been active in the LGBTQ community, and in 2010 were the named plaintiffs in Donaldson/Guggenheim vs State of Montana.

We are writing in support of the proposed changes to rule 8.4 that would protect LGBTQ citizens in Montana and members of other marginalized groups from discrimination when seeking representation by an attorney. No one seeking legal services should be treated with bias simply because of who they are.

We appreciate the effort to be inclusive in this important area of life experience and urge your participation in making the proposed changes.

Sincerely,


Jan Donaldson
Mary Anne Guggenheim